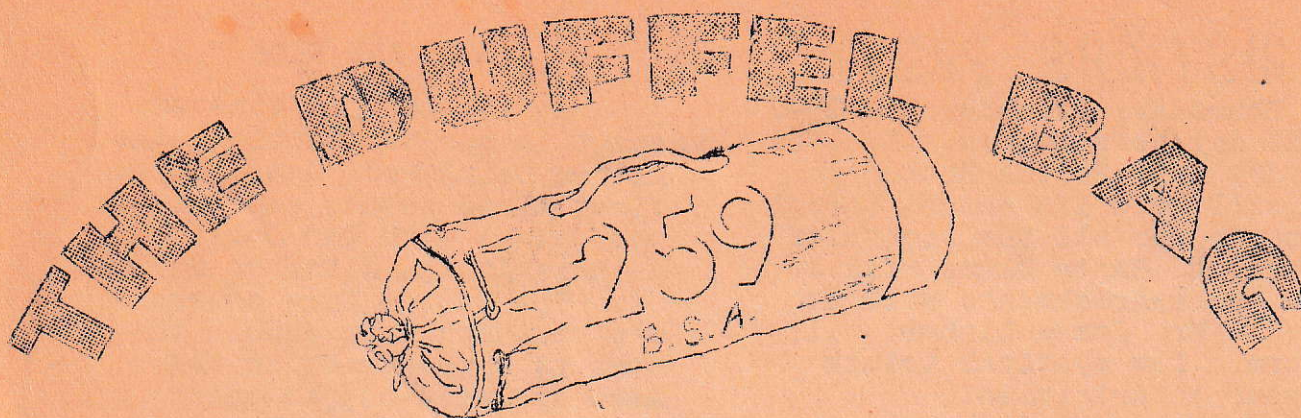




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10TH ANNIVERSARY A HUGE SUCCESS

One hundred and fifteen parents, friends, and visiting scout leaders made our fall parent's nite and tenth anniversary program, held Wednesday, Dec. 4th, a successful event. The program, handled almost entirely by the boys, held the attention of the audience for the full two hours.

The Girl Scouts helped make the evening a success by serving a tasty and welcomed bit of refreshment under the guidance of Girl Scout Leader Mildred Monzel and her assistant Dolores Moeller, and our own camping and activities man Mr. Albert Moravec.

The program, under the leadership of Tom Collins, opened with a stirring march and then the familiar strains of our national anthem held everyone at attention. Mr. George Monzel introduced the scouters handling the troop and also the visiting dignitaries. The community singing was well handled by Joe "Texas" Fratto of Troop #518. The Narod again took a group picture of the boys and leaders. Mr. John Lew handled the court of honor in which four scouts received their Star Scout Award, and Dale McDowell congratulated Fr. Siedlecki, our chaplain, and Mr. John Lew for the troop's progress in the past ten years.

The Cheyenne, Cobra, Wolf, and Pioneer Patrols entertained the audience with skits and stunts which were originated at their various patrol meetings. The audience voted the Wolf's Patrol skit the outstanding laugh maker of the evening. Mr. George Monzel presented the winning patrol with individual passes to the Palace Theatre. George Monzel in turn was presented with a gift given to him by the parents of the boys who attended summer camp. Father Siedlecki, troop chaplain, gave a very inspirational talk to the parents which was followed by the colorful closing ceremony under the direction of Jack Chapek, the Jr. Assistant Scoutmaster.

Yes, the program was a huge success and once again the parents and friends of the scouts had the opportunity to see the boys of our troop in action and also display their scouting knowledge.

Our next outstanding feature will be a Father and Son supper which we hope to conduct during the month of April. Each father will receive a letter concerning this activity in the very near future. Again we hope for a huge success.

CHRISTMAS PARTY

Thursday, December 19, 1946 is the day to remember. Yes, on that day at 7:30 the Mother's Club will hold its annual Christmas party for all the scouts of our parish. Santa Claus will be there and refreshments will be served. Mr. James Linhart will perform a few mystical tricks for your entertainment.

ROVING REPORTER

QUESTION: What subject would you like to have instructions in next?

ANSWERS:

Ray Page - Wolf Patrol
Photography

Art Dahms- Pioneer Patrol
Photography

Jim Moravec- Cheyenne Patrol
Wood Carving

Jack Spran - Cobra Patrol
Botony or
Zoology

ODDS AND ENDS

Parents and friends of our scouts must have really enjoyed themselves at the Tenth Anniversary program. The cleanup committee had to practically sweep them out.

The basketball team, under the leadership of Jack Chapek, is going right ahead. Good turn outs have been reported at the last two work outs.

The ping pong tournament hasn't been forgotten. We're still trying to locate the table.

Fr. Siedlecki, our chaplain, spent most of his time helping the decorations and arrangements committee the two days previous to our tenth anniversary program.

Ralph Sisul, A.S.M., was in charge of the spot lighting; a job well done Ralph.

ODDS AND ENDS

(Cont.)

At the present time one scout in our troop holds the Altare Dei Award. Come on you first class scouts and take your place with Tom Collins as boys At the Altar of God.

The Indian Lore course was postponed to enable the boys to concentrate on the Aero Dynamics course being conducted by Ed Sisul.

Congratulations are also in line to Ed Sisul, our new advancement committeeman. He is now the proud papa of a third baby boy, whose name will be Leonard (Lenny for short).

A big thank you to the Modern Baking Co. for their generous donation of 13 dozen "sinkers" toward our refreshments.

The fellow who said it was only four miles to the milk farm must have gone over the route in a "Super" Buick.

You boys who plan to attend the winter camp are reminded to take along plenty of blankets. You'll need them.

The neckerchief slides you scouts are making from bones would make your window displays a huge success. Or better still, a varied assortment of slides would show up nicely.

Every patrol was represented at the last Green Bar Meeting. Keep up the good work.

Flash! Fr. Siedlecki bought the Narod Sunday. Wonder why? Oh Yes, his picture was in the paper again.

The leaders again wish to thank Mother Superior for her cooperation in connection with the Scouting movement in our parish.

Don't forget the Christmas trees boys. We'll need plenty of them. All shapes and sizes.

MINK FARM TOUR

On Sunday, November 17th, sixteen scouts, two scouters and a few parents boarded the Burlington local for a trip to Lisle, Illinois and a tour of the Mary-Will Mink Farm. Two cars of parents met the first group at the Lisle station. Mr. Wm. Bender, owner of Mary-Will farm, was in the midst of an important job when our group arrived. The outing consisted of a tour of the breeding pens, the fleshing and skinning rooms, the iceboxes and freezers and last but not least, the room containing the finished skins. The parents and boys who attended the tour agreed that it was an afternoon well spent. The mothers present had their pictures taken with real minks draped about their necks. The leaders of the troop promise more such interesting tours in the very near future.

WINTER CAMP

Well, here it is time again for our winter camping, and this year's camping is really going to be something different. We are leaving Sunday afternoon, Dec. 29 at 2:00 and will return Dec. 31 at 5:30.

The camp is Kiwanis and we have a large cabin equipped with cots and mattresses and a stove to keep us nice and warm. Our leaders are planning a swell three day program and they assure us that we will all have plenty of fun. We also invite any parents who wish to come out and visit us during these three days to do so. We promise an enjoyable time, especially at our indoor campfire. Any parents that might be interested should contact Mr. Monzel regarding visiting hours.

Also we urge the parents to sign the permission blanks that your son must have signed before he will be permitted to attend this camping trip.

MORE ODDS AND ENDS

New recruits are still needed to round out our roster. Let's get on the beam scouts and induce your buddies that Scouting is for them.

Bob Majeske better look out or the members of MacNamara's band will be after him for murdering their name.

Troop 259 is again taking the lead in the advancement of Scouting in Cicero by going out "en masse" to sign up merit badge counsellors.

Thanks to the Explorers of Troop #216 for their mass attendance at our Parent's Nite. We've been informed that next time they'll be ready with a song.

Father Rooney again expresses his sincere pleasure in the progress being made by the troop representing Mary Queen of Heaven Parish, namely Troop #259.

Somebody should challenge Troop 216 to a water polo match before you scouts forget how to swim.

At the rate Norbert Cichon is passing merit badges, he'll be an Eagle before some of you old timers wake up.

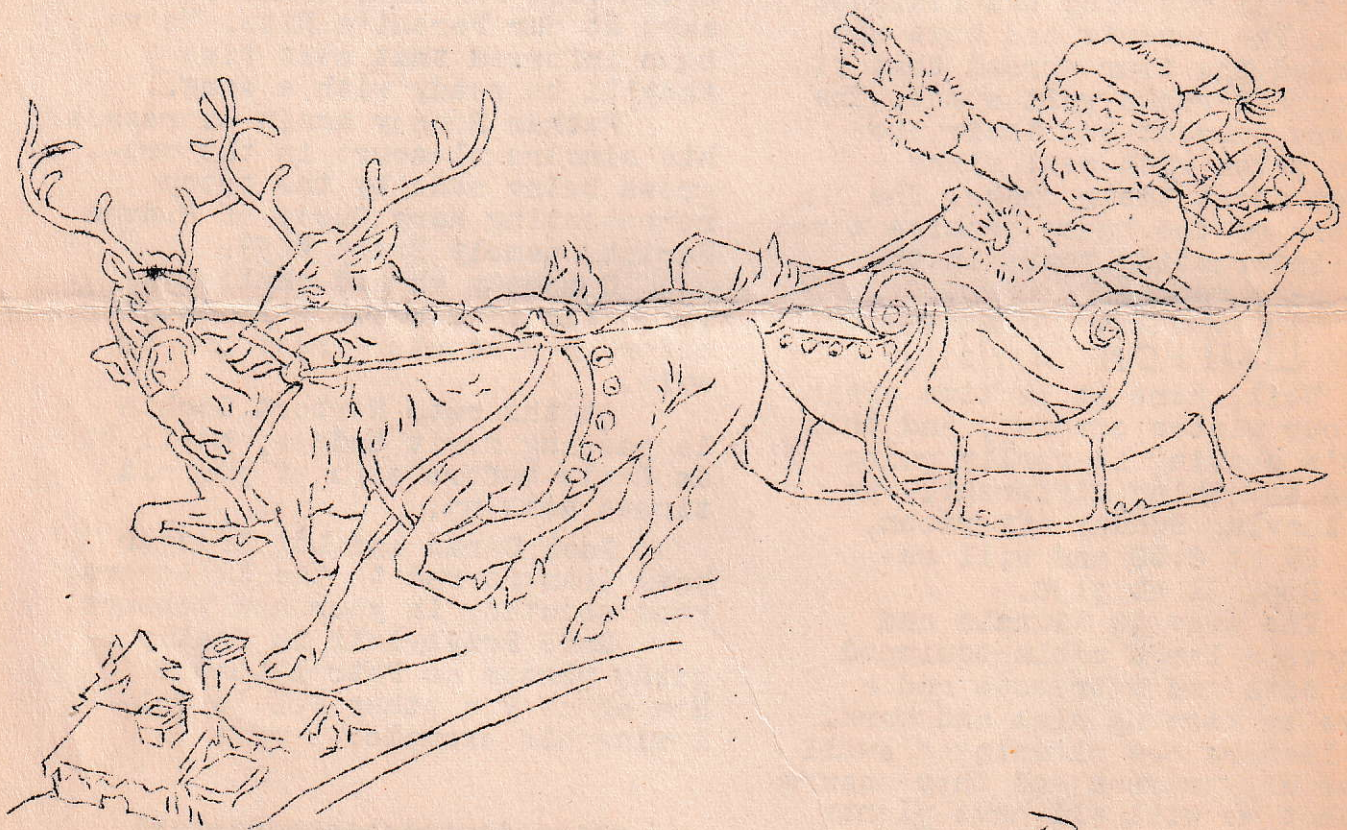
Jack Spran and Leo Krueger have transferred to the Explorers, good scouting in your new venture.

Dave Przybylski is really going places as Patrol Leader. How about you other P.L.'s following his example.

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